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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: DA 07-2017  
Designation of 2-1-1 and 5-1-1 as abbreviated dialing codes  
CC Docket NO. 92- 105

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Ohio Council of Information and Referral Providers (OCIRP) dba the Ohio Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (Ohio AIRS) hereby submits its Comments to Public Notice DA 07-2017, released May 7, 2007. The Public Notice requested comments on the status of implementation of the 211 and 511 Dialing Codes. Further, the Public Notice requested comments on actions the Commission should take if these Dialing Codes are not widely used. OCIRP is limiting its comments to the status of 2-1-1 service in Ohio.

OCIRP is the professional association for information and referral service providers in Ohio. In June 2001, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) designated OCIRP as the sole entity in Ohio to approve information and referral programs to use the 2-1-1 dialing code for delivery of community information and referral services. The PUCO and OCIRP adopted nationally recognized standards for Information and Referral services as the basis for approving organizations to operate as 2-1-1 programs in Ohio.

OCIRP has approved 19 organizations to operate as 2-1-1 centers. These centers provide 2-1-1 services in 37 Ohio counties having a collective population of 8.6 million residents (approximately 75% of the population of Ohio). OCIRP is actively working to insure 100% statewide coverage for 2-1-1 services in Ohio.

OCIRP has firsthand experience with a number of technical issues specific to 2-1-1 implementation, as described in the Comments submitted by Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc. and has worked with existing 2-1-1 centers in Ohio as well as other information and referral programs in that state interested in operating 2-1-1 centers to address such technical issues. Such technical issues have delayed and/or limited the full deployment of 2-1-1 in Ohio. OCIRP believes that such issues may be best resolved at the national level.

We respectfully request that the Commission find the public is well served by the use of 2-1-1, that the Commission continue to support the 2-1-1 Dialing Code for this purpose, and that the Commission use its authority to facilitate more widespread use of the service. Specifically, we believe that the Commission can help to resolve some of the telecommunications issues and can help increase public awareness of 2-1-1.

Sincerely,

/s/

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